

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:

[0003] To use the WWW, a user runs a computer program called a Web browser on a client computer system such as a personal computer. Examples of widely available Web browsers include the Netscape® Communicator Web browser available from Netscape Communications Corporation and the Microsoft® Internet Explorer provided by Microsoft Corporation. The user interacts with the Web browser to select a particular uniform resource locator (URL). The interaction causes the browser to send a request for the page or file identified by the URL to the server identified in the selected URL. The server responds to the request by retrieving the requested page, and transmitting the data for that page back to the requesting client. The client-server interaction is usually performed in accordance with a protocol called the hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP). The page received by the client is then displayed to the user on a display screen of the client.

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] The problem of determining an input character set and selecting an output character set by a server is well known. Attempts to correct the problem, however, have resulted in piecemeal solutions, some of which are either restricted or incorrect. For example, Tomcat 3.x, Sun Microsystem's® official reference implementation of Servlet 2.2 and JSP 1.1 specifications, looks for the "charset" attribute contained in the "Content-Type" header which may be present in an HTTP request, and if it finds none, sets the character set to the default HTTP standard ISO-8859 code set. This essentially restricts Tomcat to correctly process input requests encoded only in the ISO-8859-1 code set where no recognizable character set is specified.

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] The Embodiments of the invention generally relate to the transfer of information over computer networks and in particular to the transfer of information between a client and server computer. In a particular embodiment, a method of ascertaining code sets associated with HTTP requests and responses in multi-lingual environments is provided.

Please replace paragraph [0035] with the following amended paragraph:

[0035] If the "Content-Type" header is missing from an HTTP request, or if the "Content-type" header does not contain a code-set identifier, the computer program 110 determines the locale of the HTTP request by invoking a method provided by an Application Programming Interface (API) 129 configured to extract the locale from the HTTP request. One API method which may be used to advantage is the `ServletRequest.getLocale()` API developed by Sun Microsystems®. If the Accept-Language HTTP input header contains the most preferred cultural setting of the client, the API 129 returns that cultural preference. Otherwise, it returns the server's locale as the default. The computer program 110 selects the appropriate character set associated with the locale identifier returned by the API 129.